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## Some Recollections of the Civil War.

BY W. H. HULL. 13TH PAPER.

Col. John S. Hoffman who took the place of Col. Wm. L. Jackson as Colonel of the 31st. Va. Regiment, was a resident of Clarksburg in this state and a lawyer by profession. Before the war he had made a considerable reputation as a land lawyer. He had come into practice at a time when the land titles in what were then the western counties of Virginia were in a consummate tangle. There were often times patents and grants covering the same land, and then there were locks and interlocks and laps caused by careless surveying, all of which, when the country became settled up from the elder sections of the state, and from other states, and the land became more valuable, brought about almost endless litigation; and thus what was termed the "land lawyer" came into prominence in settling the legal disputes growing out of the unsettled condition of land titles. It has been said that a great deal of the surveying in those days was done around log fires drinking hard cider, sometimes harder whiskey, and swapping yarns.

After the war Col. Hoffman was elected a member of the State Court of Appeals and served with both honor and distinction. As a soldier he was brave and always manifested a marked interest in the welfare of his men, of whom he was very proud, and always seemed to think that what they could not accomplish was impossible of accomplishment. We shall only relate one instance out of a number that could be given to illustrate the esteem in which he held his men. At the battle of Mine Run his regiment was ordered to hold a salient in the line of breastworks where we were not only exposed to an assault from the front but from either or both flanks at the same time. To add to the seriousness of the situation the enemy were very active in our front. They were planting batteries on an eminence commanding our position, massing their infantry in the woods in our front and their field officers could be seen galloping up and down their lines.

At this juncture in affairs General John Pegram, then in command of our brigade, rode up and after looking over the situation for a few moments, he rode up still closer to our men and said, "men you are liable to be attacked here at any moment. Keep cool and reserve your fire for short range. Aim low and knock the pegs from under them—shoot them in the legs. It is much better to wound men in battle than to kill them. If you wound a man it will require two men to carry him off the field and in that case it would be a loss to the enemy of three men; if you kill a man, it is the loss of one man." When General Pegram was turning his horse as though he would ride away, Col. Hoffman, who was standing only a short distance away in respectful silence, yet nervously plucking his beard, came stepping up quickly and, with a good deal of animation, said, "General, my men never fail to do their duty. They are from the mountains of West Virginia and know how to shoot. They are familiar with the use of the rifle, and almost any one of them could shoot a squirrel out of the tallest of these trees. If one of my men should come suddenly on a squirrel he would not hesitate to step back twenty paces in order to give the squirrel a chance for its life." To which Gen. Pegram replied, "Col. Hoffman, I do not distrust your men, nor do I doubt your statements, but there is a difference—squirrels do not shoot."

Colonel Hoffman, being the senior colonel, was often to the command of the brigade, and in that capacity was wounded and lost a foot in the battle of Hatcher's Run February 6, 1865.

Mrs. W. H. Cackley and grand-daughter, Beth Thompson, of Roncer, are visiting relatives here this week.

## Frost.

Corn cutting and digging potatoes is the order of the day. Some people are getting in their fall wheat. The drought which we have experienced this summer has somewhat cut out the corn crop.

Threshing is through with; wheat averaged about 18 bushels per acre while oats run 25 per acre.

G. W. Rider, of Valley Center, Va., passed through our town some days ago enroute for the Galford's Creek country looking for some cattle that he has been running in the Alleghany range and has been unable to find.

Mr. and Mrs. William Vance, of McDowell, Va., spent Friday night with W. A. G. Sharp on their return from Ohio where they have been visiting. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicklin of Stony Bottom.

John Tyler, of Edray, is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Sharp, of Durbin, spent Sunday with the former's mother Mrs. Amanda Sharp of this place.

A number of our people attended the Childrens Day service at Rehobath, Va., Sunday and report an excellent time.

Miss Esta M. Sharp left last Thursday for Staunton to enter Dunsmore Business College.

Letcher Sharp left Monday for Chattanooga, Tenn., where he will enter college.

Miss Rachel Ruckman, of Millpoint, has been visiting her aunt Mrs. W. A. G. Sharp.

### Stony Bottom.

On Friday the Misses Moore entertained a few friends in honor of Miss Edmonia Francisco, of Warm Springs. Those present were Misses Louise and Merle Moore, Joe Noel, Lucile Pritchard and Messrs. Fred, Forrest and John Pritchard, June McElwee, and Mr. Pick from Dunmore. Miss Mammie Austin of Oklahoma, Miss Williams of Camden, N. J., Miss Lena Anderson, Messrs. Arch Hubers, Sydney and Clarence Drumheller, of Cass, and Mr. Uriah Hevener, Jr. of Arbovale, James Moyers, of Dunmore.

Mrs. George Howell, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Tallman, died at her home near Staunton Sunday morning. Her mother and father left for Staunton Sunday morning and returned home Wednesday. Mrs. Howell is survived by a husband, two infant children, mother, father and a number of brothers and sisters.

Chas. Weatherholt moved his family from Marlinton to Stony Bottom this week.

Messrs. Arch Hubers and Clarence Drumheller spent Sunday in town.

W. R. Moore returned home Saturday from Wheeling and reports a delightful time.

The Misses Moore and Francisco accompanied by Miss Anderson, Messrs. Hubers, Sydney and Clarence Drumheller, spent Monday night and Tuesday sight seeing on Cheat, visiting the Club House, Camps and coal mines. They were joined by several boy friends from Spruce.

The Misses Moore and Francisco spent Tuesday night in Cass with Miss Lena Anderson.

Miss Edmonia Francisco, who has been visiting the Misses Moore, has returned to her home in Warm Springs, Va. She leaves a host of friends who hope she may return to make them a visit in the near future.

### Notice.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the estate of Aaron M. Kee, deceased, will please come forward and settle the same, and all persons having claims against his estate will please present the same properly proven to the undersigned for settlement.

N. C. McNEIL,  
Executor of Aaron M. Kee, Dec'd.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Nixon, of Clover Lick, were in town Saturday.

## Echo.

### Pocahontas S. S. Association

Pursuant to notice, the Pocahontas County Sunday School Association convened at Campbellton (North Marlinton) on Thursday the 16th, and continued its work until the night session of the 17th. State Secretary A. T. Arnold came in during the first session, and was cordially received and did some very fine work in way of Lessons on Bible study and lectures. One of the pleasant features of his reception was the presentation to him, of a massive key made of wood, about twenty inches long, by C. A. Buchannon, with which he said in a neat speech, he would attempt to unlock the doors of the homes and hearts of the people of the State and enlist them in the great World Sunday School work to the honor and glory of the Master of the vineyard.

Of the ministers of the county of the various denominations who were invited to take part, there were present, Revs. A. M. Cackley, G. W. Marston, B. M. Mitchell, H. Underwood, — Lambert, S. G. Callison and G. S. Weiford, each of whom contributed a share of the public entertainment, and especially, the association is largely indebted to Dr. Cackley for his aid and faithful work.

The music furnished by the Campbelltown choir with the aid of the visitors was of the best and most entertaining. This was comprised of general songs and solos by Mr. McCormick and the Messrs. Arbogast.

The response of the Sunday schools of the county that each one pay at least one dollar toward meeting the \$50.00 pledge to State work was gratifying. Thirty-one schools out of the total of sixty-five schools in the county, sent in their assessment. Thirty-four failed to get on the boat; no doubt these will do better in the future. An offering was taken on Thursday night in which the sum of \$35.62 cents was given, and from all sources the collections aggregate \$94.84, out of which the auditing Com. paid up the State Pledge of \$50.00 and all expenses of the County Association, leaving a balance in the county treasury of about \$20.00.

The very best of order prevailed throughout the meetings. Strangers attending the meeting were entertained in first-class order and made to feel at home by the hospitable people of the town. After the first session the audiences were large—the cozy little church being well filled at every session.

The talks and lectures were very interesting and helpful, and should have been enjoyed by more of the Sunday school workers of the county.

Arbovale was selected as the place for the next annual meeting. Rev. J. C. Johnson was chosen as county president and L. J. Moore as secretary for the ensuing year. A grand success in every way.

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Lonnie A. Willis and Miss Alice Collins were united in marriage at the Valley Hotel, September 20, 1909, Rev. W. T. Price officiating minister. Mr. Willis is a native of Ohio, and is a woodsman long in the employ of the West Virginia Spruce Company. The bride is a resident of Durbin, and is a prepossessing young person. The parties boarded the evening train for Durbin, their home for the present.

### To All Concerned

This is to notify you that I was not responsible for the debts of my husband, Sherman Darnell, and that all the property on my place and all interest in "Binder" at M. Dorman and a two year old colt at James Darnell's farm belong to me, and anyone buying the same from Sherman Darnell will not get title to same.

This the 14th day of September, 1909.

MARY M. DARNELL.

Miss Georgia Lockridge, of Driscoll, spent several days at Cloverlick with relatives this week.

## Commissioners Sale.

Pursuant to a decree entered in the chancery cause of C. L. C. Burner, Administrator against Minnie E. Burner and others, on the 10th day of August, 1909 the undersigned Special Commissioners will on Tuesday the 5th day of October, 1909 at the front door of the Court House of Pocahontas county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, a house and lot, being Lot No. 9 in Block 10 in the town of Durbin, West Virginia; said lot has upon it a convenient dwelling house situated in Durbin and will make a convenient home for anyone desiring property in this town.

Terms of Sale: Sufficient cash in hand to pay costs of suit and expenses of sale, and the residue the purchaser shall execute bonds with good personal security bearing interest from date falling due in six, twelve and eighteen months from day of sale.

L. M. McCLINTIC Com'r.

I, G. W. Sharp, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, do certify that the undersigned Commissioner has executed bond as required by law.

G. W. SHARP, Clerk.

### State of West Virginia, Pocahontas County, to-wit:

At rules held in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Pocahontas county, on the first Monday in the month of September, 1909.

S. O. Dean P'tainiff vs. Caroline Dean, Geo. H. Dean, Albert M. Dean, Joseph B. Dean, Nettie V. Tinker, nee Dean, Mary F. Morrison, nee Dean, D. W. Dean, John R. Dean, James E. Dean, F. W. Dean, and the Gospel Trumpet Home a corporation Defendants.

The object of this suit is to set aside the last will and testament of W. M. Dean, deceased, and also to set aside the probate of said will.

It appearing by affidavit filed that the defendants, J. B. Dean, Nettie V. Tinker, Mary F. Morrison, D. W. Dean, John R. Dean, James E. Dean and F. W. Dean are non residents of the State of West Virginia, and the Gospel Trumpet Home, a foreign corporation, it is ordered that they do appear here within one month after the first publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit.

Given under my hand this the 7th day of September, 1909

G. W. SHARP, Clerk.  
T. S. McNEEL, S'l.

### Old Friends.

The Golden-rod and Sumac shrub,  
The yellow and the red,  
Have come to visit us again;  
They wave and nod the head.

Thrice welcome to these silent friends,  
Loved in childhood days,  
And still they fit across my path,  
In all life's varied way.

The Golden-rod is very fair,  
The Sumac rich and grand;  
With waving plumes and shining beads,  
They beautify the land.

The Golden-rod is flower of state,  
And yet it hath no pride,  
But mingles with the plainer herb  
And all in peace abide.

The Sumac hath its healing power  
For nature holds the key  
To many an antidote to pain  
And potent remedy.

No human hand doth sow the seed,  
Nor cooling waters pour,  
But every twelve month we behold  
The red Sumac and flower of gold,  
As in bright contrast they unfold,  
At nature's open door.

A. J. P.  
Sweet Chalybeate Springs, Va.

Forrest P. Clark, of Fluvanna county, Va., was here Friday night renewing his acquaintance.

## State of West Virginia, County of Pocahontas, to-wit:

At rules held in the Clerk's office of the county court of Pocahontas on the 8th day of September, 1909.

The Beckhanna Bank of Beckhannon, W. Va., a corporation, Plaintiff vs. R. B. Young, M. V. Young and E. B. Moore Defendants.

The object of this suit is to attach and subject the lands of the defendant E. B. Moore situated in Pocahontas county, West Virginia, to the payment of the debt of the plaintiff of \$1549.10 with interest from the 4th day of September 1909 until paid and the costs of this suit.

It appearing by affidavit filed that the defendant E. B. Moore, is a non resident of the state of West Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear here within one month after the first publication of this notice to do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit.

Given under my hand this the 8th day of September, 1909

G. W. SHARP, Clerk.  
L. M. McCLINTIC, Sol.

### Commissioner's Sale.

Pursuant to authority vested in us as special commissioners in the following chancery causes pending in the Circuit court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, of Moore and Lawton vs. W. S. Taylor, Standard Oil Company vs. W. S. Taylor, Franklin Oil and Gas Company vs. W. S. Taylor, and Joseph T. Wood vs. W. S. Taylor, entered at the January Term, 1909, and the case of H. R. Ferguson's Adm'r. vs. W. S. Taylor, entered on the 10th day of August, 1909, the undersigned special commissioners will on Monday the 4th day of October, 1909, at the front door of the court house of said county proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, a tract of 1008 acres of land situate on the West Fork of Greenbrier river, being the tract at Braucher in said county on which the Newell Brothers Lumber Company is operating the timber. This sale is made subject to the rights of the timber lease of the said Newell Brothers Lumber Company.

Terms of Sale: Cash.

W. A. BRATTON,  
ANDREW PRICE,  
Special Commissioners

I, G. W. Sharp, clerk of the circuit court of said Pocahontas county, do certify that the above named special commissioners have executed bonds as required by the several decrees in the above named causes.

G. W. SHARP, Clerk.

### Notice to all Parties in Interest.

Take notice that the undersigned Guardian of Nannie V. Bratton and George Robert Bratton, infant children of George W. Bratton dec'd, late of Bath County, Virginia, will file a petition under Chapter 84 of the West Va. Code in the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County West Va., on the first day of the October term 1909, for the purpose of having certain funds due said infants in the case of Fannie E. Bratton vs. John F. Bratton and others now pending in said court removed to Bath County, Va., and paid over to the undersigned guardian, who has qualified as such under the laws of Virginia, and executed bond in the circuit court of Bath county, Va., where said infants reside.

FANNIE E. BRATTON,  
Guardian of George Robert Bratton and Nannie V. Bratton  
JOHN W. STEPHENSON,  
Atty for Petitioner.

## Order of Publication.

The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Madison Parish at Clover Lick, West Virginia, having filed their petition in the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, praying that the church lot upon which the said church formerly stood, before its removal to its present location, and the same lot conveyed to said Trustees by John and Sally G. Ligon, by deed dated the 8th day of September, 1887 and recorded in the Clerk's office of Pocahontas County, to which deed reference is here had for a full and complete description of the lot prayed to be sold. It is ordered that any party having any interest in said lot do appear on the first day of next term of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, October 5th, 1909, and show cause if any he can why said Lot should not be sold, and the proceeds arising from said sale applied in paying for the erection of said church upon its new location.

Given under my hand this the 31st day of August, 1909.

G. W. SHARP, Clerk of the Circuit of Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

### TRUSTEES SALE.

of Valuable Property in Durbin, W. Va.

Pursuant to Deed of Trust executed on the 23rd day of March, 1907 by H. C. Dickenson and Ida Dickenson, his wife, to L. M. McClintic, Trustee to secure a debt to Mary E. Moore, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Pocahontas County in Trust Deed Book No. 4 at page 344, the undersigned Trustee will on Saturday the 2nd day of October, 1909, at the front door of the Bank of Durbin, at Durbin, W. Va. sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following property.

Lot 1 in Block 11  
Lot 18 in Block 11 and  
Lot 11 in Block 7, in the town of Durbin West Virginia.

Lot 18 as aforesaid has upon it a large building and all of said lots are valuable property in said town, also a tract containing 7 acres at the Junction of the Back Alleghany Road and the Staunton & Parkersburg Turnpike about two miles from the town of Durbin which is fertile and valuable tract of land.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH.

L. M. McCLINTIC, Trustee.

### Commissioners Sale.

Pursuant to a decree entered in the chancery cause of J. S. McNeel, Administrator against Sarah M. Williams and others on the 10th day of August, 1909.

The undersigned Special Commissioner will sell at public auction at the front door of the Court House of Pocahontas County, West Virginia to the highest bidder on Tuesday the 5th day of October, 1909, two tracts of land situated in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, on Droop Mountain, one containing \_\_\_\_\_ acres adjoining the lands of James F. Darnell and others, and the other containing 35 acres on the East Side of the Lewisburg and Marlins Bottom Turnpike on the head of Locust Creek, said lands are partly cleared and are very fertile and fine grazing lands are situated about three miles of the village of Hillsboro, Pocahontas County, convenient to churches and schools.

TERMS OF SALE: Sufficient cash in hand to pay costs of suit and expenses of sale and for the residue the purchaser shall execute bonds with good personal security bearing interest from date falling due in six and twelve months from date of sale.

L. M. McCLINTIC  
Commissioner.

I, G. W. Sharp, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, do certify that the undersigned commissioner has executed bond as required by law.

G. W. SHARP, Clerk.

## Trustee's Sale.

Pursuant to authority vested in me by a certain deed of trust executed by B. J. Smith to me as Trustee to secure Jasper Auldridge as an endorser on a note for \$510.00 payable at the First National Bank of Marlinton, dated on the 1st day of May, 1909, and of record in the office of the Clerk of the county court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 6 at page 191, and default having been made in the payment of said note and being requested so to do by the said Jasper Auldridge, I will on Tuesday the 28th day of September, 1909, at one o'clock p. m. at the front door of the court house in Marlinton, Pocahontas county, West Virginia proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following personal property, to-wit:

1 Black mare named maul 8 years old.  
1 white gray mare named Bessie 9 years old.  
1 bay horse and 1 gray horse. Said last two horses are known as the John Curry team.

Terms of sale Cash.

Notice is given that the aforesaid black mare named maul and gray mare named Bessie are sold subject to a prior lien of said horses given by the said B. J. Smith to Leroy See, Trustee to secure S. M. Hill in the payment of \$395.00. Said deed of trust being of record in the office of the clerk of the county of Pocahontas in Trust Deed Book No. 6 at Page 149, the balance due and unpaid to the said S. M. Hill amounting to \$125.00. This the 15th day of September, 1909.

F. R. HILL, Trustee.

State Supt. M. P. Shawkey has designated Friday, October 1, as "Clean Up and Beautify Day," to be observed by all the schools in West Virginia, and by every civic federation, improvement league, woman's club, or other society that will join in the beneficent and patriotic movement.

In his circular announcing clean up day the Superintendent gives many good reasons for its observance, and among other things says: "If you live in the city have the mayor issue a 'clean up' proclamation for October 1. Enlist the activities of every child by the use of a badge or button or other means. The press will lend you great assistance if you tell them about the movement. Have the ministers to preach a sermon on the subject on the Sunday preceding. Join in with every possible civic improvement club and do as many of the hundred needed things as you can do."

If you are in the country get the boys and girls, their fathers and mothers, the trustees and boards of education, the minister and everybody else, and go to work, first on the school house, and grounds, then on the roads and fence rows, then the springs and streams, then the churches and cemeteries.

All this can be done by will and work with little expense. Is it not abundantly worth while and shall we not join in the movement with spirit and thus bless the goodly country we call our home?"

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Cloverlick, last Wednesday, September 8, 1909, Lockie Gragg and Miss Annie V. Grimes, Rev. G. S. Weiford officiating. The groom is a son of Wm. Gragg of Dunmore, and is a young man of fine prospects. The bride is a daughter of N. S. Grimes, and is an attractive young lady. We bespeak for these worthy young people a happy and prosperous life. W.

### Stray Notice.

Estray, at my place near Lobelia, since August 24, a bay mare, about 1000 pounds in weight, lame in right hind foot. Owner can have same by proving property and paying cost of keep and advertisement. I. N. CLUTTER.  
Lobelia, W. Va.